

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



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NOTE FOR DICK KERR:

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SSCI Minority Counsel Peter Sullivan posed a question to me yesterday that he claims he has been pondering for the past two years. I thought you might help in the response.

Sullivan wants to know whether CIA analysts have to measure their evidence and hypotheses against a specific set of criteria, just as an attorney would look to the law when sifting through evidence while preparing a case. Sullivan is interested in our in-house training or any alternate methods of teaching analysts how to evaluate raw intelligence and what standards this material must meet before it can support final conclusions.

I think Sullivan is searching for a fairly philosophical discussion which in his own words would deal with "what analysis is all about." It might be useful from the DI's standpoint to invite Sullivan out to lunch for such a conversation, possibly including someone from OTE [redacted] perhaps) who could provide details about existing courses that deal with this topic. What do you think?

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